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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Gregory A. Holmes

Appln No: 10/713,569

Examiner: Mayes, Dionne Walls

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Group Art Unit: 1731

For: Equipment and Methods for  
Manufacturing Cigarettes

Attorney Docket No.: 11867/24

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 15, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed January 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as below in connection with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and consider the following remarks.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.